



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

ESTER BIVONA
Receiver of Taxes

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNER THE TAX LAWS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY STATE THAT PAYMENT ON A TIMELY BASIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER. EVEN IF A TAX BILL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL BE LIABLE FOR ALL PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS. TAXES MAY BE PAID IN CASH, MONEY ORDER, CREDIT CARD OR CHECK, SUBJECT TO COLLECTION. CHECKS RETURNED BY THE BANK FOR ANY REASON WILL AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL YOUR TAX PAYMENT. RETURNED CHECKS WILL NOT BE RE-DEPOSITED. THERE WILL BE A \$20.00 CHARGE FOR ANY CHECK RETURNED UNPAID BY YOUR BANK.

DUE DATES: FIRST HALF TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 10, 2013. SECOND HALF TAXES ARE DUE BY MAY 31, 2013. PARTIAL PAYMENT OF TAXES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION #551-2001, WHICH REQUIRES A MINIMUM PAYMENT OF \$200.00 PLUS PENALTY. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENT, CONTACT THE TAX OFFICE.

LATE PAYMENTS: LATE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PROPER PENALTY/INTEREST. PENALTY INFORMATION IS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE TAX BILL. CONTACT THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR PENALTY INFORMATION FOR PAYMENTS MADE AFTER MAY 31, 2013. CHECKS DATED AFTER THE LAST DAY OF COLLECTION WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TREASURER AS LATE PAYMENTS.

WHEN PAYING BY CHECK: MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ESTER BIVONA, RECEIVER OF TAXES.** THIRD PARTY CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. (A THIRD PARTY CHECK IS A CHECK THAT IS MADE OUT TO YOU AND THEN ENDORSED TO THE RECEIVER OF TAXES). MAKE SURE YOUR CHECK IS DATED, SIGNED, AND THE AMOUNT IN NUMBERS MATCHES THE WRITTEN AMOUNT. INCLUDE A DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF YOUR CHECK. THIS HELPS US TO CONTACT YOU IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH YOUR CHECK OR PAYMENT. **ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN U.S. FUNDS**

WHEN PAYING BY MAIL: IF A RECEIPT IS DESIRED, TAXPAYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE ENTIRE BILL. EACH TIME A PAYMENT IS MADE. PAYMENT WILL BE RECEIPTED BY THIS OFFICE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BILL AND RETURNED TO YOU. **PAYMENTS MUST HAVE A U.S. POSTMARK OF JANUARY 10, 2013 OR BEFORE TO BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PENALTY FOR FIRST HALF TAXES: MAY 31, 2013 FOR SECOND HALF.**

WHEN PAYING BY CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK: SEE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 ON BACK SIDE OF THIS PAGE. NOTE: ALL TAX PAYMENTS MADE BY CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK ARE SUBJECT TO A CONVENIENCE FEE. ELECTRONIC CHECKS RETURNED BY THE BANK FOR ANY REASON WILL AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL YOUR TAX PAYMENT. RETURNED ELECTRONIC CHECKS WILL NOT BE RE-DEPOSITED. THERE WILL BE A \$20.00 CHARGE FOR ANY CHECK RETURNED UNPAID BY YOUR BANK.

SENIOR CITIZENS CURRENTLY RECEIVING A SENIOR EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO §467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW (INCOME LESS THAN \$37,400.00) RELATED TO THEIR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND SENIORS CITIZENS CURRENTLY RECEIVING ENHANCED STAR. (BASED ON AGE AND INCOME) HAVE UNTIL JUNE 5, 2013 TO PAY THEIR SECOND HALF TAX. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING EITHER EXEMPTION, PLEASE CALL THE TAX OFFICE!

WHEN PAYING IN PERSON BRING ENTIRE BILL WHEN PAYING IN PERSON. DO NOT REMOVE STUBS.

PAYMENT HOURS

9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 24 and 25, 2012..... CLOSED

JANUARY 1 & 21, FEBRUARY 12 & 18 AND MAY 27, 2013.... CLOSED
EXTENDED HOURS MAY 31, 2013..... 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

THE TAX OFFICE IS NOT OPEN ON SATURDAYS OR LEGAL HOLIDAYS
INFORMATION HOURS 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. MONDAY - FRIDAY

IF YOUR TAXES ARE PAID BY A BANK OR MORTGAGE COMPANY, IMMEDIATELY FORWARD THIS TAX BILL DIRECTLY TO THEM FOR PAYMENT.

WEBSITE ADDRESS <http://huntingtonny.gov>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SCHOOL TAXES: SCHOOL BUDGETS ARE SET BY YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS. EVERY YEAR YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET. THIS DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF TAXES YOU WILL PAY FOR SCHOOLS IN YOUR DISTRICT. **COUNTY/POLICE TAXES.** COUNTY AND COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT TAXES ARE SET BY A COUNTY BUDGET, APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATURE. **TOWN TAXES:** TOWN TAXES ARE SET BY A TOWN BUDGET, APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD.

THE SCHOOL, COUNTY AND TOWN HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF THEIR BUDGETS. YOU MAY QUESTION THEIR BUDGETS AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

YOUR TAX BILL CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REAL PROPERTY TAX. THE FOLLOWING LIST EXPLAINS SOME OF THAT INFORMATION:

PART TOWN TOWN TAXES PAID BY PROPERTY OWNERS WHOSE PROPERTY IS NOT IN AN INCORPORATED VILLAGE. **NY STATE REAL PROP TAX LAW** MONIES COLLECTED FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK TO PAY TAX GRIEVANCE, TAX CERTIORARI, AND OTHER SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT AWARDS. **STAR (SCHOOL TAX RELIEF)** THE ASSESSED VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL TAX PURPOSES HAS BEEN REDUCED BY STAR, THUS LOWERING THE AMOUNT OF TAX YOU MUST PAY TO YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE TAX SAVINGS YOU RECEIVED THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF STAR IS INDICATED ON THIS BILL. FULL VALUE, FULL EXEMPTION VALUE, AND DOLLAR AMOUNT SAVED BY EXEMPTIONS IS LISTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

SWIS CODE (STATEWIDE INFORMATION SYSTEM) A STATE DETERMINED UNIQUE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITHIN THE STATE.

UNIFORM % OF VALUE PERCENTAGE OF FULL VALUE AT WHICH PROPERTY IS BEING ASSESSED.

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